

up the approval process of one of his pharmaceutical company's products. Lo and behold, the pharmaceutical company devoted \$30,000 or an amount thereabouts to the Progress in Freedom Foundation's conservative think tank organization that does in fact have ties to the Speaker.

Today's Los Angeles Times has an expose on GOPAC. It provides us with some really rather startling information. GOPAC, again a Republican fund-raising machine, has raised millions of dollars without telling us who the donors are. The amount raised, according to the Los Angeles Times, is much higher than that which is allowed by laws governing campaign fund-raising. One couple, it is reported, have given about \$715,000 over 8 years, and this was a quote from the L.A. Times, "nearly twice what they could have donated directly to all Federal candidates."

Despite claims to the contrary, GOPAC appears to be very involved in getting Republican candidates elected to the Congress. Again, according to the Los Angeles Times and I quote, "GOPAC boasts that half of the 136 elected Republicans since 1990 actively used the group's training materials and followed its advice on how to attack Democrats."

Quoting the former GOPAC chairman, and I quote, "Of course we couldn't have captured the House without GOPAC." How can this be? We have been told, the American people have been told that GOPAC's multimillion dollar organization did not involve itself in more than 10 percent of the time in Federal election issues.

And the American people need to understand this: We have sent this complex issue to be investigated by the House Ethics Committee, where many of the Members could be recipients of help from the very group that they are in fact going to investigate.

Really never has there been a clearer case for investigation by a non-partisan, nonpartisan outside counsel. GOPAC has been too secretive with its finances. People need to know why. Why are the names of the contributors secret? Is it, as was suggested in the Los Angeles Times by the former GOPAC chair, because their donors say, and again I quote, "what if GOPAC did something wrong and I was associated with it?"

Let us open the books. Let us have an open and fair and honest review. Let us make the American public understand who are the contributors to GOPAC, what are their relationships with the U.S. Congress.

We need to have an outside counsel look at this. That is simple, very clear and open, and without any aforementioned judgment, but let us have a look at what this is all about.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I,

the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We remember in this our prayer, O gracious God, those who seek to serve people in their concerns and who endeavor to do Your will. We pray also for all those who are burdened by the pressures and tensions of daily living and who struggle where values are weighed and who are immersed in the complexities and priorities of justice. As people face these concerns we pray that they will be comforted by Your presence and sustained by Your good spirit, this day and every day. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MASCARA] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MASCARA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S.1. An act to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments, to strengthen the partnership between the Federal Government and State, local and tribal governments; to end the imposition, in the absence of full consideration by Congress, of Federal mandates on State, local, and tribal governments without adequate funding, in a manner that may displace other essential governmental priorities; and to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, ap-

points Mr. D'AMATO, to serve as co-chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 103-227, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican leader, appoints Mr. GREGG as a member of the National Education Goals Panel, vice Mr. COCHRAN.

The message also announced that pursuant to Senate Resolution 105, adopted April 13, 1989, as amended by Senate Resolution 280, adopted October 8, 1994, the Chair, on behalf of the minority leader, announced the following appointments and designations to the Senate Arms Control Observer Group: Mr. BYRD as minority administrative cochairman; and Mr. NUNN as cochairman for the minority.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states, on the first day of Congress, a Republican house will:

Force Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else, cut one-third of committee staff, and cut the congressional budget.

We have done that.

It goes on to state that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we have done this; unfunded mandates legislation; line-item veto; a new crime bill to stop violent criminals; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for families to lift government's burden from middle-income Americans; national security restoration to protect our freedoms; Senior Citizens; Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; Government regulation reforms; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

TRIBUTE TO THE WORLD CHAMPION SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

(Mr. MINETA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MINETA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the World Champion San Francisco Forty-Niners on their victory in Super Bowl XXIX.

I am especially proud to say that the Forty-Niners' headquarters and practice facility is in the city of Santa Clara, in my district, and that all-pro tight end Brent Jones is a graduate of Santa Clara University.

All season, the Forty-Niners displayed a commitment to teamwork,